

CLAIMS

1. A bathing apparatus for an infant, said bathing apparatus including:
an open topped container for bathing liquids;
5 a lid adapted to close said container; and
carry means associated with said container and/or said lid for carrying the apparatus.
2. The bathing apparatus of claim 1 wherein the container includes a drain-
10 that may be selectively closed by a closure and wherein liquids contained in said container may be drained therefrom by opening said drain.
3. The bathing apparatus of either claim 1 or claim 2 wherein the container is waterproof and of rigid or at least resilient construction.
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4. The bathing apparatus of either claim 1 or claim 2 wherein the container includes an outer casing and an inner tub or bath.
5. The bathing apparatus of claim 4 wherein the outer casing includes an
20 end wall hinged thereto for providing access to the interior of the bathing apparatus.
6. The bathing apparatus of any one of claims 1 to 5 wherein the container may be substantially parallelepiped or box-like in shape.
- 25 7. The bathing apparatus of any one of claims 1 to 5 wherein the container may be substantially pod shaped.
8. The bathing apparatus of any one of claims 1 to 7 wherein a top or bottom wall of the apparatus includes a generally convex portion and/or raised side
30 portions and whereby a child may be placed between said raised side portions when being changed, said side portions inhibiting the child from rolling off the top or bottom wall.

9. The bathing apparatus of any one of claims 1 to 8 wherein a bottom interior surface of the container is contoured to support the child or infant in a reclining position.

5 10. The bathing apparatus of claim 9 wherein the child's head is supported such that the child's face is above side walls of the container.

10 11. The bathing apparatus of any one of claims 1 to 8 wherein a bottom interior surface of the container is contoured to support the child or infant in a seated-position.

12. The bathing apparatus of any one of claims 1 to 11 wherein the lid is attached to the container and is of rigid or at least resilient construction.

15 13. The bathing apparatus of claim 12 wherein the lid is permanently attached to the container, for example by one or more hinges.

14. The bathing apparatus of claim 12 wherein the lid is releasably attached to the container, for example by a plurality of snap fitting clips.

20 15. The bathing apparatus of either claim 13 or claim further including locking means for securing the lid in a closed position relative to the container.

16. The bathing apparatus of any one of claims 1 to 15 wherein the carry 25 means comprises a handle that is attached to either the container or the lid.

17. The bathing apparatus of claim 16 wherein the handle is integrally formed with the either the container or the lid.

30 18. The bathing apparatus of claim 16 wherein the handle is at least partially retractable within the apparatus.

19. The bathing apparatus of any one of claims 1 to 18 wherein the carry means comprises a flexible strap which a person may place over their shoulder.

20. The bathing apparatus of any one of claims 1 to 19 further including 5 rollable transport members, such as wheels or castors, wherein the apparatus may be conveniently wheeled when required to be moved between locations.

21. The bathing apparatus of claim 2 wherein the drain comprises an aperture formed in the container, which aperture may be selectively closed by a-10 suitably shaped plug.

22. The bathing apparatus of claim 21 wherein the aperture includes a connector to facilitate the connection thereto of a hose which itself may include a valve assembly to selectively close the aperture.

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23. The bathing apparatus of any one of claims 1 to 22 further including a divider that is locatable between the open topped container and the lid so as to divide the chamber defined by said container and lid when closed.

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24. The bathing apparatus of claim 23 wherein the divider may be used to separate wet items stored in the container, from dry items and other requisites that may be stored within the confines of the lid.

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25. The bathing apparatus of either claim 23 or claim 24 wherein the divider includes a plurality of compartments for storage purposes.

26. The bathing apparatus of any one of claims 1 to 25 further include a mattress that is locatable within either the container or the lid, and whereby the apparatus may be used as a portable cot or for changing purposes.

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